



UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE

FEDERALISM COMMISSION

Utah State Senate
Utah House of Representatives

June 13, 2019

Speaker Brad R. Wilson, Chair
President J. Stuart Adams, Chair
Legislative Management Committee
State Capital Complex
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Re: Federalism Commission

Dear Speaker Wilson and President Adams:

During the 2017 General Session, the Legislature passed H.C.R. 1, recognizing the state's commitment to remaining a public lands state and encouraging the pursuit of action supporting the retention and optimal management of public lands within the state. H.C.R. 1 urges coordination between members of the state's federal delegation and Utah's legislative leadership and the Federalism Commission ("Commission") to ensure the retention of Utah's public lands in public ownership and provide for greater state management responsibility over certain public lands.

The Commission is working towards the goals expressed in H.C.R. 1. However, the work required to coordinate with other policy makers, including the state's federal delegation, and to advocate on behalf of the state's interest with relevant federal agencies, such as the Department of the Interior, exceeds the capacity of Utah's part-time legislators. To more effectively meet the goals expressed in H.C.R. 1, the Legislature needs a representative who can be present in Washington D.C. to speak and advocate for the state regarding public lands.

The Commission proposes issuing a request for proposals ("RFP") to hire a consultant who will represent the Legislature's policy positions and advocate for the state's interest regarding its public lands.

The purpose of this letter is to request Legislative Management Committee approval for the issuance of an RFP, as explained above, and for proceeding with all appropriate steps in the procurement process under the Utah Procurement Code and applicable legislative rules and policy. Specifically, we are asking the Legislative Management Committee:

- to assign the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to finalize an RFP;
- to authorize the Commission or its chairs to give final approval of the RFP;
- to approve the Commission's issuance of an RFP for a consultant;
- to approve the Commission or its chairs to take all administrative actions and make all administrative decisions involved in the procurement process, including:
 - receiving evaluation information on proposals submitted in response to the RFP;

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- allowing a vendor to correct an immaterial error in a proposal or to require a vendor to clarify information in a proposal, if a correction or clarification becomes necessary;
- authorizing the Commission's evaluation committee to conduct interviews with or attend presentations by those who have submitted proposals for the consulting contract; and
- making a determination of a contract award to a consultant pursuant to the RFP.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact either of us.

Sincerely,

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Lincoln Fillmore, Senate Co-Chair
Federalism Commission

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Keven J. Stratton, House Co-Chair
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